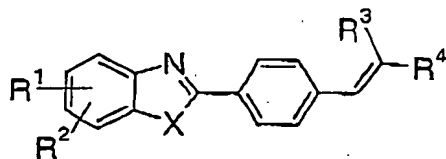


## Claims

1. A compound of general formula I



5 wherein

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are, independently from each other, hydrogen; halogen; hydroxy;  $(C_1-C_{20})$ -alkyl;  $(C_2-C_{20})$ -alkenyl; or  $(C_1-C_{20})$ -alkoxy;

X is oxygen or an imino group, optionally substituted with  $R^1$ ;

$R^3$  and  $R^4$  are, independently from each other, cyano;  $-COOR^5$ ;  $-COR^6$ ;  $-CONH_2$ ;  
 10  $-CONHR^7$ ; or  $-CONR^8R^9$ ;

$R^5$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  are, independently from each other, hydrogen;  $(C_1-C_{20})$ -alkyl, wherein one or more methylene groups are optionally replaced by one or more oxygens;  $(C_1-C_{20})$ -haloalkyl;  $(C_2-C_{20})$ -alkenyl, optionally substituted by tri- $(C_1-C_5)$ -alkylsilyl, triphenylsilyl or a group  $-Si[CH_3]_n[OSi(CH_3)_3]_{3-n}$ , wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

15 2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein X is O.

3. A compound according to claim 1 or 2 wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are hydrogen.

4. A compound according to any one of claims 1-3 wherein  $R^3$  is cyano and  $R^4$  is  $-COOR^5$ .

5. A compound according to claim 4 which is:

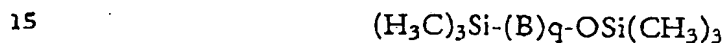
20 2-cyano-3-{4-[5-tert.-butyl-benzoxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-acrylic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester  
 or  
 2-cyano-3-{4-benzoxazol-2-yl-phenyl}-acrylic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester.

6. The compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are, independently from each other,  $-\text{COOR}^5$ .

7. A compound according to claim 6 which is:

- 5 2-(4-benzoxazol-2-yl-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester;  
 2-(4-benzoxazol-2-yl-benzylidene)-malonic acid dibutyl ester;  
 3-[4-benzoxazol-2-yl-phenyl]-2-propionyl-acrylic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester;  
 2-(4-[6-hydroxy-benzoxazol-2-yl]-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester;  
 2-(4-[6-(2-ethylhexyl-oxy)-benzoxazol-2-yl]-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester;  
 10 or  
 2-(4-[6-[2-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-ethoxy]-benzoxazol-2-yl]-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester.

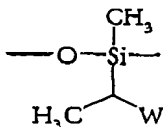
8. A polysiloxane of the general formula



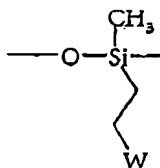
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wherein

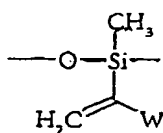
B is a residue selected from the group consisting of B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5;



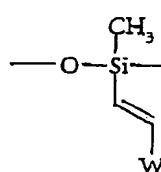
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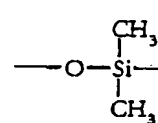
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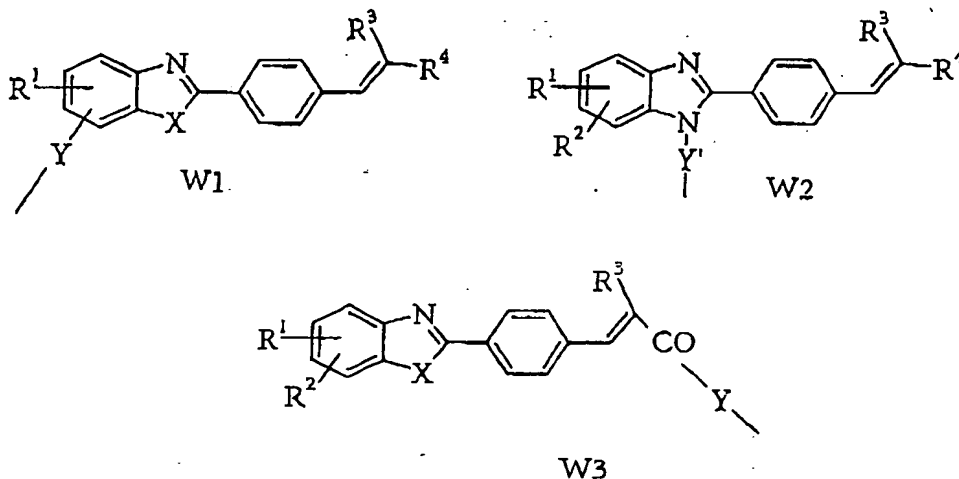


B4



B5

W is a residue from the group consisting of W1, W2 and W3



wherein X, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are as defined in claim 1 above; Y is oxygen; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkylene, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkenylene, or -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkylene; and Y' is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkylene or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkenylene.

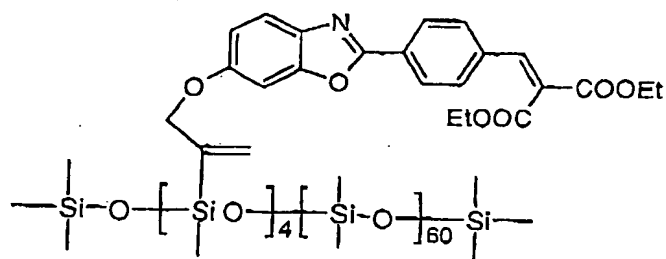
- 5 q is an integer between 1 and 400 and represents the sum of residues B1 to B5 in arbitrary sequence,

wherein at least one B is B1, B2, B3 or B4, the ratio

$$(B1+B2+B3+B4)/(B1+B2+B3+B4+B5)$$

not exceeding 0.6.

- 10 9. A polysiloxane according to claim 8, wherein q is an integer between 2 and 100.
10. A polysiloxane according to claim 8 or 9, wherein the ratio  
 $(B1+B2+B3+B4)/(B1+B2+B3+B4+B5)$  varies between 0.01 and 0.4.
11. A polysiloxane according to claim 10 which is



12. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 as an UV-A screening agent.
13. The use of a compound according to claim 12 for protecting human skin or human hair.
14. The use of a compound according to claim 12 for protecting plastic materials and medicinal products that are sensitive to UV radiation.
15. Compositions comprising one or more compounds of anyone of claims 1 to 11 and at least one pharmaceutically and/or cosmetically acceptable excipient.
16. A composition according to claim 15, wherein the compound/compounds of anyone of claims 1 to 11 are present in an amount varying between 0.5 and 20 % by weight of the total amount of the composition.
17. A composition according to claim 16 wherein the compound/compounds of anyone of claims 1 to 11 are present in an amount varying between 0.5 and 12% by weight of the total amount of the composition.
18. A composition according to claim 15, 16 or 17 which is a topical composition.
19. The invention substantially as described hereinbefore especially with reference to the Examples.

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